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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday. 30 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Letter dated 31 March 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/287)

Briefing by the Secretariat

No exit without strategy (S/2000/1072)

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991

International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States, between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994

Letter dated 7 September 2000 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/865)*

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 76th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [41]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/55/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/639)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47, A/55/L.48)

3 p.m. 77th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [40]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/538, A/55/639)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.49, A/55/L.50)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-3.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.3 (item 92 (d))

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Results-based budgeting (A/54/456 and Add.1-5, A/55/543 and A/54/287 and Add.1))

3 p.m.*-6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11 and Corr.1))

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (United Nations pension system (A/55/9, A/C.5/55/3 and A/55/481))

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations of the Third and the Fifth Committees on agenda item 118 (Programme planning) and in particular Programme 19 (Human rights) (A/55/6 (Prog. 19), A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.3)

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on financial regulations and rules

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on crime of aggression

WORKING GROUP ON RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COURT AND THE UNITED NATIONS

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Capital master plan

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 30 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room A: A/C.2/55/L.18 (item 99), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m;

Conference Room B: A/C.2/55/L.21 (item 95 (d)) and A/C.2/55/L.30 (item 95 (d)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; A/C.2/55/L.35 (item 97), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100), from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.;

Conference Room S-2963D: A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c)), from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room S-3427: A/C.2/55/L.12 (item 94 (e)) and A/C.2/55/L.13 (item 94 (e)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room S-2413: A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room 7: A/C.2/55/L.28 (item 92 (b)), from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room S-1027: A/C.2/55/L.23 (item 95 (g)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference room (refer to blackboard): A/C.2/55/L.32 (item 93 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation

Announcements

The 6th meeting of the General Committee of the General Assembly, which was scheduled for *today*, 30 November 2000, has been postponed.

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The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 30 November 2000

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON CRIME OF AGGRESSION

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on A/C.2/55/L.29)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 20)

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

1.45 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on environmental issues)

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

ANNUAL BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Friends of Guinea-Bissau *today*, 30 November 2000, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations of co-sponsors and interested delegations on draft resolutions on the closure of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant and the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the developments in the Balkans, under agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions), organized by the delegation of Ukraine, will be held *today*, 30 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/netherlands.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 1 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. — 78th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [40]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/538, A/55/639)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.49, A/55/L.50)

3 p.m. — 79th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: draft resolution (A/55/L.52) [175]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The 2000 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will be held on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All Member States are invited to attend.

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The 2nd meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegations that have not submitted credentials are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 11 a.m. sharp, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 13th meeting of the Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will take place under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh) on Friday, 1 December 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 7 December 2000.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open until Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting for delegations interested in participating in the Energy Exhibit Committee for the sixth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, is open to all interested Member States.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the second session in the annual series entitled "Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development". This session will focus on "Public-Private partnership for Infrastructure Development". The workshop to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 December 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the "Human Rights Balance Sheet 2000", organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 11.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of the panel will include H.E. Sr. Juan Gabriel Valdés, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations; Mrs. Elissavet Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Deputy Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; and Mr. Malcolm Smart, Programme Director, Human Rights Watch. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000 , from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 7 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH), and the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Operations, Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 29 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4238th meeting

The situation in Guinea-Bissau

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Senegal, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Callisto Madavo, Vice-President of the World Bank.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 27 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the United Nations (S/2000/1130), the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mrs. Dulce Maria Pereira, Executive Secretary of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries.

The Security Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Secretary-General.

The Council then heard a statement by Mr. Callisto Madavo, Vice-President of the World Bank.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mali, the United States, Bangladesh, France (on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, which aligned themselves with the statement), Canada, the United Kingdom, Argentina and the Russian Federation.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of China, Tunisia, Jamaica, Ukraine, Malaysia and Namibia, and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the Minister for Development Cooperation of the Netherlands.

Statements were then made by the representatives of the Gambia, Senegal and Guinea.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Executive Secretary of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries.

Further statements were made by Mr. Madavo and by the Vice-Prime Minister of Guinea-Bissau in response to the comments made.

4239th meeting

The situation in Guinea-Bissau

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2000/37).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

74th plenary meeting

Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [38]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/476)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.39)

The representative of Argentina made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.39.

The representative of Brazil made a statement.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 119 votes to 0, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.39 (resolution 55/49).

The representative of France made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 38.

Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women [17 (i)]

The General Assembly took note of the appointment by the President of Croatia, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Namibia and the Netherlands as members of the Consultative Committee on the United Nations Development Fund for Women for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 17.

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the special session of the General Assembly in this regard: draft resolution (A/55/L.40) [37]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 37.

The representative of Chile made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.40.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.40 (resolution 55/46).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 37.

Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/55/L.43/Rev.1) [33]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 33.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/55/L.43/Rev.1.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.43/Rev.1 as orally corrected (resolution 55/47).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 33.

The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order: draft resolution (A/55/L.15/Rev.2) [174]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 174.

The representative of Guyana made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.15/Rev.2.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.15/Rev.2 (resolution 55/48).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 174.

75th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [41]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestine People (A/55/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/639)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47 and A/55/L.48)

The Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47 and A/55/L.48.

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the Committee's report (A/55/35).

The Head of the Observer Delegation of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, China, the United Republic of Tanzania, South Africa, Yemen, Bahrain, India, Egypt, Algeria, Mauritania, Cuba and Nigeria.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 73rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see *Journal* No. 2000/231, p. 10): the second paragraph under item 47 (Assistance in mine action) should read as follows:

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.44/Rev.1.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 38th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions: financing for development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries [92 (e)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.2 and L.41

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), introduced and orally revised and corrected draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.41.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representative of Chile, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the landlocked developing countries) and Indonesia.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.41, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.2 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 92 (e).

Environment and sustainable development: Convention on Biological Diversity [95 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.20 and L.44

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.44.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.44, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.20 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 95 (b).

Training and research [97]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.25/Rev.1

The representative of France introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Gabon, Haiti, India, the Marshall Islands and Micronesia (Federated States of).

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Additional sponsors

The Republic of Korea joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.24 (item 97).

High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [101]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Executive Coordinator of the Secretariat for Financing for Development.

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand (on behalf of the ASEAN countries), Norway, Bangladesh, France (on behalf of the European Union), Colombia (on behalf of the RIO countries), Morocco, Pakistan, India, Guatemala, Trinidad and Tobago and Japan.

39th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 101 and heard statements by the representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Togo (on behalf of the OAU countries), Guyana (on behalf of the CARICOM countries), China, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of land-locked developing countries) and Nepal.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.45

The Committee had before it a draft resolution transmitted to the General Assembly by the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, contained in document A/C.2/55/L.45.

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications pertaining to the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 101.

Additional sponsors

Uzbekistan joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4 (item 94 (b)).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 33rd meeting

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor [134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of the Republic of Korea, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.9.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of position.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [133]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of the Portugal, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.10.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Egypt, India, Ethiopia, Pakistan, Colombia (on behalf of the RIO Group) and Nepal.

The Chairman informed the Committee, that as agreed at the 32nd meeting of the Fifth Committee, held on Monday, 27 November, the Committee would revert to the consideration of the reports related to the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations at a later stage upon receipt of the remaining relevant reports.

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

The report of the Secretary-General was before the Committee in document A/C.5/55/15.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Norway.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission

The report of the Secretary-General was before the Committee in document A/55/623.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Cuba, France (on behalf of the European Union) and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

Revised estimates under section 7, International Court of Justice

The report of the Secretary-General was before the Committee in document A/C.5/55/21.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/55/7/Add.2).

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these questions would be announced at a later date, under the chairmanship of Mr. Eduardo Ramos (Portugal), Rapporteur of the Committee.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of chapters I, VII, (sections B and C) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/55/3).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE 255th meeting

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Chairman made a statement.

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President of the Security Council made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine read out a message from Mr. Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and President of the Palestinian Authority.

The Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories made a statement.

The representative of South Africa read a message of the Chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia read a message in his capacity as Chairman of the Twenty-seventh Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

The representative of Togo read a message of the Chairman of the Organization of African Unity.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Palestine Affairs of the League of Arab States read a message of the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

Mr. Don Betz read a message on behalf of the international network of non-governmental organizations on the question of Palestine.

Messages on the occasion were received from the Heads of State of the following countries: Afghanistan, Algeria, Brazil, Cyprus, Cuba, Egypt, Guinea, Guyana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Morocco, Namibia, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Turkey, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela , Viet Nam and Yemen.

Messages were received from the Heads of Government of the following countries: Bangladesh, Belarus, Cambodia, China, India, Lesotho, Mauritius, Pakistan and Thailand.

Messages were received from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the following countries: Argentina, Colombia, Hungary, Iraq, Japan, Madagascar, Oman, Romania, Syrian Arab Republic and Ukraine.

Messages were received from the Governments of Burkina Faso, the Central African Republic and Uruguay.

A message was received from the delegation of Zimbabwe to the United Nations.

A message was received from the European Union, the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Messages were received from the following non-governmental organizations: European Coordinating Committee for NGOs on the Question of Palestine, Federación Palestina del Perú, Indo-Arab Friendship Association and International Progress Organization.

A statement was made by the Head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

A concluding statement was made by the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2000

80th meeting

The Committee met with the newly appointed Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing, Mr. Miloon Kothari.

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee discussed and adopted concluding observations on Belgium and Yugoslavia in closed session.

81st (closed) meeting

The Committee considered concluding observations on Morocco.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Accession: Guatemala (28 November 2000)*

Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons. New York, 28 September 1954

Ratification: Guatemala (28 November 2000)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Agreement establishing the Fund for the Development of the Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean. Madrid, 24 July 1992

Ratification: Guatemala (28 November 2000)*

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Syrian Arab Republic (29 November 2000)

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Ratification: Belarus (29 November 2000)*

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols will be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 36 of the Convention and articles 16 and 21, respectively, of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, N.Y. 10017 (fax: (212) 963-3693). Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

In connection with the observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons, the topic of this week's DPI/NGO briefing will be "International Day of Disabled Persons: Making Information Technologies Work for All". The briefing will take place *today*, 30 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., in Conference Room 4. The briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, and the media invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Yvonne Duncan (NGO Section, DPI (tel.: (212) 963-1285).

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World AIDS Day

In observance of World AIDS Day, a special event, organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), will take place on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. In keeping with the theme "AIDS: Men Make a Difference", designated by UNAIDS for its World AIDS Campaign, there will be a discussion on changes in male attitudes and behaviours that could halt the spread of AIDS. The event, moderated by Riz Khan, CNN International, is co-sponsored by the Department of Information, UNAIDS, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and loveLife/The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Mr. Kensaku Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, will open the programme. H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, and Mr. Elhadj Sy, Representative, UNAIDS Liaison Office in New York, will deliver opening remarks. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday. 1 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON GENERAL ISSUES ON SANCTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	13th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 78th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in the Middle East [40]

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/538, A/55/639)

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.49, A/55/L.50)

2. Question of Palestine [41]: draft resolutions (A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47, A/55/L.48)

3 p.m. 79th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: draft resolution (A/55/L.52) [175]

Announcement

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available to Member States in accordance with the Notes by the President of the Security Council dated 27 July 1993 (S/26176) and 30 April 1998 (S/1998/354). In accordance with the aforementioned decisions, copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' "pick-up area".

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	40th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: trade and development [92 (a)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.19

2. Macroeconomic policy questions: science and technology [92 (d)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.3 and L. 47

3. Sectoral questions: industrial development cooperation [93 (a)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.22 and L. 42

4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of Developing Countries and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade [94 (a)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.39

5. Environment and sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 [95 (a)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.17 and L.46

6. Training and research [97]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.24/Rev.1

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.23 (item 95 (g)) and A/C.2/55/L.31 (item 95 (f))

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 40th meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations)

3 p.m.*-6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/55/253 and Corr.1, A/55/270, A/55/168, A/55/427, A/55/499, A/55/399 and Corr.1, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/21, A/54/257, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/55/L.3, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/C.5/54/2, A/54/450, A/C.5/55/CRP.1 and CRP.2); Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1); and Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116 (A/54/793 and A/55/499))

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* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations of the Third and the Fifth Committees on agenda item 118 (Programme planning) and in particular Programme 19 (Human rights) (A/55/6 (Prog. 19), A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.3)

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DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

Organizational session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	240th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on relationship agreement between the Court and the United Nations

WORKING GROUP ON CRIME OF AGGRESSION

Morning*-1 p.m.		Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP ON FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RULES

3 p.m. -6 p.m.		Conference Room 1

* Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Preparatory Commission.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the capital master plan
2. Review of the Information Systems Coordination Committee

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 1 December 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room B: A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room S-2963D: A/C.2/55/L.12 (item 94 (e)) and A/C.2/55/L.13 (item 94 (e)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.29 (item 92 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/55/L.18 (item 99 (e)), from 12 noon to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/55/L.10 (item 94 (c)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation

Announcement

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 1 December 2000

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on A/C.2/55/L.35)

2 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on A/C.2/55/L.32)

3 p.m.- 5 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference room to be announced

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), organized by the delegation of France on behalf of the European Union, will take place *today*, 1 December 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 30 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review), organized by the delegationof Botwana,will be held *today*, 1 December 2000, from 3 p.m to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH), and the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) *today*, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Operations, Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 December 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 4 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 80th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [43]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/175, A/55/389, A/55/465)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/174)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.33/Rev.1, A/55/L.42)

3 p.m. 81st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: report of the Third Committee (A/55/591) [103]

2. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: report of the Third Committee (A/55/592) [104]

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/55/593) [105]

4. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/55/594) [106]

5. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/55/595 and Corr.1) [107]

6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": report of the Third Committee (A/55/596) [108]

7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/55/597) [109]

8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/55/598) [110]

9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: report of the Third Committee (A/55/599) [111]

10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: report of the Third Committee (A/55/600) [112]

11. Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/55/601) [113]

12. Human rights questions: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602) [114]:

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.1)

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.2)

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.3)

    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.4)

    (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.5)

13. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Third Committee (A/55/603) [12]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

** There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The 2nd meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegations that have not submitted credentials are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 11 a.m. sharp, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 7 December 2000.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open until Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, on Wednesday, 6 December 2000, from 12.20 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting for delegations interested in participating in the Energy Exhibit Committee for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, is open to all interested Member States.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the second session in the annual series entitled "Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development". This session will focus on "Public-Private partnership for Infrastructure Development". The workshop to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 December 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the "Human Rights Balance Sheet 2000", organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 11.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of the panel will include H.E. Sr. Juan Gabriel Valdés, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations; Mrs. Elissavet Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Deputy Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; and Mr. Malcolm Smart, Programme Director, Human Rights Watch. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000 , from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 7 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 30 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4240th meeting

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of the Neighbouring States, between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994

Letter dated 7 September 2000 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/865)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2000/1131, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

Before the vote, the President made a statement.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2000/1131).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2000/1329) received 15 votes in favour, none against, and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1329 (2000).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

76th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [41]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestine People (A/55/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/639)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47 and A/55/L.48)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 41.

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Afghanistan, Japan, Ghana, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Indonesia, Pakistan, Lebanon, Namibia, Qatar, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Cameroon and Israel.

The observer of Palestine made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolutions A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47 and A/55/L.48 would be taken on the following morning as the second item after agenda item 40 (The situation in the Middle East).

77th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) [122]

The General Assembly took note that Mauritania had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter. The Assembly was informed that the information would be reflected in document A/55/345/Add.10.

The situation in the Middle East [40]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/538, A/55/639)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.49, A/55/L.50)

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/55/L.49 and A/55/L.50.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Senegal, Yemen, Cyprus, Brunei Darussalam, Australia, Jordan, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Cuba, Burkina Faso, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Argentina, India, the Syrian Arab Republic and Armenia.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2000

82nd (closed) meeting

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee adopted concluding observations on Morocco (E/1990/6/Add.20).

83rd meeting

Adoption of the report

The Committee considered its draft annual report in closed session.

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

Under this item, the Committee discussed its workings methods.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Romania (30 November 2000)*

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Geneva, 3 September 1992

Ratification: United Arab Emirates (28 November 2000)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Acceptance: Romania (28 November 2000)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization, (institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee). London, 7 November 1991

Acceptance: Namibia (28 November 2000)*

Amendments to articles 3 (5) and 9 (8) of the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity. Colombo, 29 November 1991

Acceptance: Iran (Islamic Republic of) (29 November 2000)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions for Periodical Technical Inspections of Wheeled Vehicles and the Reciprocal Recognition of such Inspections. Vienna, 13 November 1997

Ratification: Hungary (28 November 2000)*

Entry into force: 27 January 2001, in accordance with article 5 (1) of the Agreement

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols will be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 36 of the Convention and articles 16 and 21, respectively, of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, N.Y. 10017 (fax: (212) 963-3693). Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World AIDS Day

In observance of World AIDS Day, a special event, organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), will take place *today*, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. In keeping with the theme "AIDS: Men Make a Difference", designated by UNAIDS for its World AIDS Campaign, there will be a discussion on changes in male attitudes and behaviours that could halt the spread of AIDS. The event, moderated by Riz Khan, CNN International, is co-sponsored by the Department of Information, UNAIDS, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and loveLife/The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Mr. Kensaku Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, will open the programme. H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, and Mr. Elhadj Sy, Representative, UNAIDS Liaison Office in New York, will deliver opening remarks. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2000 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Madagascar
H.E. Mr. Jean Delacroix Bakoniarivo

Asian States:
Mongolie
H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan

Eastern European States:
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Valeri Kuchynski
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
H.E. Mr. Gabriel Valdés

Western European and other States:
Andorra
H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves-Triquell

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, presents a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will remain in display at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday. 4 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

Iraq (S/2000/1132)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY
FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	80th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [43]

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/175, A/55/389, A/55/465)

   (b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/174)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.33/Rev.1, A/55/L.42)

2. Assistance in mine action: draft resolution (A/55/L.44/Rev.2) [47]

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3 p.m. 81st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: report of the Third Committee (A/55/591) [103]

2. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: report of the Third Committee (A/55/592) [104]

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/55/593) [105]

4. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/55/594) [106]

5. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/55/595 and Corr.1 and 2) [107]

6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": report of the Third Committee (A/55/596) [108]

7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/55/597) [109]

8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/55/598) [110]

9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: report of the Third Committee (A/55/599) [111]

10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: report of the Third Committee (A/55/600) [112]

11. The right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/55/601) [113]

12. Human rights questions: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602) [114]

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.1)

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.2)

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.3)

    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.4)

    (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.5)

13. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Third Committee (A/55/603) [12]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 34th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

   (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.11

2. Organization of work

Morning*-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 115 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/55/5 (Vol. I, III, IV) and Add.1-12, A/55/80 and Add.1, A/55/380 and Add.1, A/55/364 and A/55/487))

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* Following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

3 p.m.*- 6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/55/253 and Corr.1, A/55/270, A/55/168, A/55/427, A/55/499, A/55/399 and Corr.1, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/21, A/54/257, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/55/L.3, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/C.5/54/2, A/54/450, A/C.5/55/CRP.1 and CRP.2); Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1); and Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116 (A/54/793 and A/55/499)))

7 p.m.- 10 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (United Nations pension system (A/55/9, A/C.5/55/3 and A/55/481))

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* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations of the Third and the Fifth Committees on agenda item 118 (Programme planning) and in particular Programme 19 (Human rights) (A/55/6 (Prog. 19), A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.3)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 8

[Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A) prior to the 2nd meeting.]

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on relationship agreement between the Court and the United Nations

WORKING GROUP ON AGREEMENT ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE COURT

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Conference Room 4
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Executive session on the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

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SECOND COMMITTEE

On Monday, 4 December 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room E: A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room S-2963D: A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room C-209B: A/C.2/55/L.29 (item 92 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room S-3570E: A/C.2/55/L.28 (item 92 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room 9: A/C.2/55/L.35 (item 97), from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., and A/C.2/55/L.32, (item 93 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation

Announcements

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) announced the launching of a Web site on the International Year of the Mountains, 2002 (IYM), proclaimed by the General Assembly in resolution 53/24. This Web site can be accessed from the FAO home page (www.fao.org) or directly at the following address: www.mountains2002.org.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 4 December 2000

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on A/C.2/55/L.29)

9 a.m.- 11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on external debt)

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

MEETING OF THE GROUP OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

2 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on A/C.2/55/L.36)

3 p.m.- 5 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on environment issues)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on all outstanding Second Committee items)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 December 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 5 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECURITY COUNCIL

Under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh), the Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet in Conference Room 7 as follows: Friday, 8 December 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday, 11 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 12 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 13 December, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 15 December, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m..

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 7 December 2000.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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The Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development will hold a briefing on the outcome of the 3rd meeting of the Bureau of the Commission on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open until Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. *(briefing by Mr. Mohammed Reza Salamat, Co-Chair of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development, on the informal consultations scheduled for Friday, 8 December 2000)*. The conference room will be announced.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on all outstanding Second Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Conferenc Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, on Wednesday, 6 December 2000, from 12.20 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting for delegations interested in participating in the Energy Exhibit Committee for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, is open to all interested Member States.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the second session in the annual series entitled "Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development". This session will focus on "Public-Private partnership for Infrastructure Development". The workshop to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 December 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the "Human Rights Balance Sheet 2000", organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 11.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of the panel will include H.E. Sr. Juan Gabriel Valdés, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations; Mrs. Elissavet Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Deputy Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; and Mr. Malcolm Smart, Programme Director, Human Rights Watch. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Hearings

As requested by the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, hearings with the business sector will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 11 and 12 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, United Nations agencies and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-4451). The list of panellists and their presentations are available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/NGO/1200hear/panel_list2.htm).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000 , from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 7 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 1 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

78th plenary meeting

The situation in the Middle East [40]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/538, A/55/639)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.49, A/55/L.50)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 40.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Turkey, Israel, Chile, Ukraine, Indonesia and Norway.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/55/L.49 and A/55/L.50.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/55/L.49 (recorded vote) (resolution 55/50)	145	1	5
Draft resolution A/55/L.50 (recorded vote) (resolution 55/51)	96	2	55

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union) and Argentina.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Lebanon, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq and Israel.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 40.

Question of Palestine [41]: *draft resolutions (A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47, A/55/L.48*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 41.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Israel.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47 and A/55/L.48.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/55/L.45 (recorded vote) (resolution 55/52)	106	2	48
Draft resolution A/55/L.46 (recorded vote) (resolution 55/53)	107	2	48
Draft resolution A/55/L.47 (recorded vote) (resolution 55/54)	151	2	2
Draft resolution A/55/L.48 (recorded vote) (resolution 55/55)	149	2	3

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union) and Mexico.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 41.

79th plenary meeting

The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: draft resolution (A/55/L.52) [175]

The representative of South Africa made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.52.

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 175.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, France (also on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Egypt, Australia, Bangladesh, the United Kingdom, Argentina, Angola, Burkina Faso, India, Canada, Belgium, Sierra Leone, Botswana, the Russian Federation, Namibia, Nigeria, Zimbabwe and Rwanda.

In accordance with its decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Assembly heard a statement by the observer of Switzerland.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.52 (resolution 55/56).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 175.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 40th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions: Trade and development [92 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.19

The Chairman of the Committee read out an oral amendment to draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.19.

The Committee was informed that Bulgaria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kyrgyzstan and Burkina Faso had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.19, as orally amended.

Macroeconomic policy questions : Science and technology for development [92 (d)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.3 and A/C.2/55/L.47

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.47, which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.3.

Before the adoption, the Secretary read out a statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.47.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.47, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.3 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of document A/55/413.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 92 (d).

Sectoral policy questions: Industrial development cooperation [93 (a)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.22 and L.42

The Chairman introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.42, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.22.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.42.

The representative of Brazil made a statement.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.42, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.22 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 93 (a).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of Developing Countries and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade [94 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.39

Kyrgyzstan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), reported on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally revised the text.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Environment and sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 [95 (a)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.17 and L.46

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.46.

The Secretary read out a statement regarding the programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

In the light of the adoption of draft reosolution A/C.2/55/L.46, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.17 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Training and research [97]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.24/Rev.1

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.24 and drew the attention of the Committee to revised draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.2/Rev.1, which was submitted by the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Costa Rica, Gabon, Guatemala and Tonga.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77) informed the Committee that there would be no submission of a draft resolution under agenda item 12.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
Sixth session 25th meeting

The Chairman of the Preparatory Commission, H.E. Mr. Philippe Kirsch (Canada), made a statement.

The Coordinator for the Working Group on Relationship Agreement between the Court and the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Cristián Maquieira (Chile), the Coordinator for the Working Group on Financial Regulations and Rules, Mr. Georg Witschel (Germany), and the Coordinator for the Working Group on Crime of Aggression, Mr. Tuvako Manongi (United Republic of Tanzania), reported on the work of their respective Working Groups.

The representative of Chile made a statement.

The Secretary of the Commission also spoke.

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION
Organizational session 240th meeting

Opening of the session

The 2000 organizational session of the Commission was opened by H.E. Mr. Hadi Nejad Hosseinian (Islamic Republic of Iran), who made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda

The Commission adopted a provisional agenda for the 2000 organizational session, as contained in document A/CN.10/L.47.

Election of the Chairman and other officers of the Bureau

The Commission elected Mr. Giorgi Vassilev, Mr. Hira Bahadur Thapa, Mr. Roberto Lema and Mrs. Diane Quarless as Vice-Chairmen of the Commission.

The Commission also elected Mr. Ko Ko Shein (Myanmar) as the Rapporteur of the Commission.

It was decided that further consultations would be held with regard to candidates for the post of the Chairman of the Commission, as well as the remaining vacant posts of the Vice-Chairmen.

Adoption of the draft provisional agenda for the substantive session

The Commission has considered and adopted the provisional agenda for the 2001 substantive session as contained in document A/CN.10/L.48.

Dates of the 2001 session

The Commission decided that the 2001 substantive session would be held from 9 to 27 April 2001.

Organizational matters

The Commission has reestablished Committee of the Whole and two working groups (Working Group I dealing with ways and means to achieve nuclear disarmament and Working Group II on practical confidant-building measures in the field of conventional arms).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Basel Protocol on Liability and Compensation for Damage Resulting from Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 10 December 1999

Signature: Sweden (1 December 2000)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2000 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Madagascar
H.E. Mr. Jean Delacroix Bakoniarivo

Asian States:
Mongolie
H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan

Eastern European States:
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Valeri Kuchynski
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
H.E. Mr. Gabriel Valdés

Western European and other States:
Andorra
H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves-Triquell

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, presents a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will remain in display at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

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